

Amendment No. 1 to HB1776

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2003

House Bill No. 1776*

By deleting the amendatory language of SECTION 2 and substituting instead the following:

(a) The state capitol commission is authorized to erect, arrange for the erection, or permit another to erect, within the areas of the capitol specified in this section, the words "In God We Trust", adopted as the national motto by the United States Congress on July 30, 1956 and codified at 36 U.S.C. § 302. The locations and design shall be as provided in this section.

(b) The national motto of "In God We Trust" shall be displayed on the wall above, behind and centered on the lectern of the speaker of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives. The motto shall also be displayed above the primary entrance doors to the capitol building.

(c) The motto displays shall be of a style, size and font consistent with the display of the national motto inscribed on the wall above, behind and centered on the chair of the speaker of the United States house of representatives.

(d) No state funds shall be expended to design, construct, erect or maintain the motto displays. The capitol commission is authorized to establish a fund whereby private individuals, groups and entities can donate or give materials or financial support towards display of the motto.

(e) Placement of the national motto shall not be construed to mean that the state of Tennessee favors any particular belief, religion, or denomination thereof over others, but to commemorate the national motto and its place in the history of this state and the United States.